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In re Application of
Achim Grefenstein, et al.
Application No. 08/987,775
Filed: December 9, 1997
Attorney Docket No. 47587/48070

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 26, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A final Office action was mailed to applicant on January 3, 2003, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. Although a reply was received and a three-month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 was obtained, the application became abandoned on July 4, 2003 because the reply was unacceptable.

Since the application became abandoned, applicant filed the instant petition and a proposed reply, namely, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114. Receipt of the RCE is acknowledged.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3223.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1700 for processing the RCE filed with the instant petition.

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